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PART 1 -- GENERAL

101. PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION CONCERNING NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY, 1979. a. "In each of America's past wars our prisoners of war have represented a special sacrifice. On them has fallen an added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship. Their burden becomes double when there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards and international obligations."
- b. "The Congress has by joint resolution (Public Law 95-349) designated July 18, 1979, as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day."
- c. "As we now enjoy the blessings of peace, it is appropriate that all Americans recognize the special debt owed those Americans held prisoner during wartime. It also is appropriate that we remember the unresolved casualties of war, our soldiers who are missing. The pain and bitterness of war endures for the families, relatives and friends of those whose fate is unknown. Our nation will continue to seek answers to the questions that remain about their fate."
- d. "Now, therefore, I, Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Wednesday, July 18, 1979, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated both to all former American prisoners of war as well as those still missing and to their families. I call on all Americans to join on this occasion in honoring those who made the special sacrifice of being captive in war, and their loved ones."
- e. "And I call on state and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."
- f. "In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this Fourth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Third."
- g. Signed: Jimmy Carter

PART 2 -- PERSONNEL

PART 3 -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

PART 4 -- SUPPLY

401. MANDATORY UNIFORM WEAR DATES - FEMALE SERVICEMEMBERS (SM). a. The following female SM items will become obsolete on dates indicated and will no longer be authorized for wear:

Army Tan Shirt w/black tab	30 Sep 79
Army Green (AG 344) Garrison Cap	30 Sep 80

b. All female SM are required to possess at least one Beret, Women's, Fur Felt, black, Crown Style, by 1 Oct 79. The Beret became an item of issue, replacing the garrison cap, in October 1976.

c. The garrison cap will not be required for wear in formation and, effective 1 October 79, the Army green (AG-44) service hat will not be required for wear in formations except in Military Police units, Bands, Honor Guard and Ceremonial units. The service hat became an item of organizational issue (CTA) on 1 Oct 78 to female SM assigned to above units.

402. PERTROLEUM FUELS ALLOCATION. a. DOE was recently directed to change its regulations regarding the allocation of gasoline supplies to DOD to ensure that only direct, essential military and readiness oriented operations receive a 100 percent allocation of supply. Nonessential use of gasoline at military bases would be curtailed to release some extra supplies for the general population.

b. DOE implementation of this guidance means that installation non-essential, administrative and housekeeping activities will be supplied at the allocation fraction which applies to similar civilian users in that same area. Currently only automotive gasoline, propane, butane and natural gasoline are allocated; however, controls could be reimposed on other refined products if DOE determines that is necessary for equitable sharing of short supplies. Therefore, Commanders should be prepared to identify and justify to suppliers and/or DOE their fuel requirements for readiness oriented activities in order to secure 100 percent of that requirement.

c. With rising fuel prices and reduced fuel availability Commanders should expect that their activities will be closely watched. Fuel obtained through allocation for readiness activities must be used for that purpose and not diverted or wasted. Every effort must be made to make do with less fuel through better management of our resources.

403. FOOD SERVICE, BASIC DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE. a. The BDFA for the month of August 1979 is changed to \$3.46.

b. The maximum authorized meal purchase rates per person per day based on the BDFA are as follows:

(1) Meals served in mess halls or armories (non-commissary purchases)
(BDFA plus 50%)

Breakfast	\$1.03
Lunch	\$2.08
Dinner	\$2.08
	<u>\$5.19</u> DAY TOTAL

(2) Commercially prepared meals served by Contractors (enlisted personnel only) (BDFA X 3)

Breakfast	\$2.08
Lunch	\$4.15
Dinner	\$4.15
	<u>\$10.38</u> DAY TOTAL

c. No officers may be subsisted by a Contractor at Government expense. Authorized civilians in a per diem status must also purchase meals from other than government sources.

PART 5 -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

501. TIMELY SUBMISSION OF TRAVEL REQUESTS. Many recent requests for travel submitted to this office for travel in a military status or the USPFO for travel in a technician status were not received in adequate time to allow normal processing prior to commencement of travel. In many instances it was necessary to issue confirming orders for verbal orders issued by the commander. The authority to issue verbal orders for subsequent confirmation is limited to the order writing authority (The Adjutant General for Montana) and then only when exigencies of service prevented issue of written orders prior to travel. In all cases the request for travel should be prepared and submitted a minimum of ten (10) days prior to travel to allow time in the mails and normal processing. Confirming orders will not be issued unless the traveler was directed to travel by verbal orders of the Adjutant General. Delegation of this authority to subordinate commanders will not be made. In summary, travel should not begin until the traveler has a written order in hand.

PART 6 -- MAINTENANCE

PART 7 -- SAFETY

701. AMMO HAZARDS. A message received from ARRCOM indicates that several Army personnel have been injured initiating the M117 Booby Trap while holding it in their hands. This is dangerous and must be prohibited. These items are to be initiated only by trip wire after they are secured to a stationary object.

702. WATER SAFETY FILMS. The following films are available in the Army-Wide Audio-Visual System and can be ordered by all MT ARNG Units.

1. MF 20-4220 Prevention of Drowning. (Color, 26 Minutes, 1979) - Describes how to keep from getting into a drowning situation and what to do if in one, in both recreational and military tactical situations. The "drown-proofing" method is demonstrated.
2. MF 20-5256 Why Drown? (Color, 25 minutes, 1967) - Five-step drown-proofing procedure for swimmers and nonswimmers; how to use clothing to stay afloat; how an injured person can survive in water.
3. MF 20-5817 Find a Float (Water Safety). (Color, 11 minutes 1973) - Illustrates how drownings can be prevented by throwing to the victim anything that will help him float--picnic baskets, gallon thermos, wooden chairs and other objects.
4. MF 20-2897 Water, Friend or Foe. (Color, 23 minutes, 1975) - Stresses the need for care in and around the water. Through a series of dramatizations, what can happen and how to avoid it is carefully explained. Detailed information is given on rescuing a drowning victim.
5. TF 20-6039 Thank You, Safety Sue. (Color, 20 minutes, 1977) - Increases awareness of dangers concerning swimming and/or use of alcohol when cold water is to be entered.
6. TF 20-6040 Drowning: The Cold Facts. (Color, 10 minutes, 1978) - Increases awareness of dangers concerning swimming and/or use of alcohol when cold water is to be entered.

No One Can Protect You From Drowning Like You Can.

703. USE OF EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS IN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS.

REFERENCES - A. Msg, DAIG-SD, DTG 211915Z May 75, SAB.
B. Msg, ATPR-HR-S, DTG 161810Z May 79, SAB, Notal.
C. TRADOC Suppl 1 to AR 385-10, Appendix C, 14 Sep 77.

- a. Ref A stated that authority to approve Pyrotechnic Displays and the use of Explosives in connection with Public Demonstrations, Exhibitions and Celebrations on a military installation rests with the MACOM Commander. Ref A further states that exceptions to the above policy may be granted on an individual basis when such an exception is clearly warranted.
- b. Ref B requested that the installation commander be granted authority to approve pyrotechnic displays and the use of explosives in connection with public demonstrations, exhibitions and celebrations on a military installation.
- c. Local approval authority requested in Ref B is granted subject to the following CLN.
 - 1. Safety criteria listed at Para C-2A, Ref C, or similar provisions, will be incorporated in the local procedures to assure adequate safe guards for protection of personnel and property.
 - 2. Installation Public Affairs and Legal Officer will be contacted prior to the commander approving any displays and exhibitions listed in Para 2, above.
- d. This change will be reflected in the next revision of AR 385-64, Ammunition and Explosive Safety Standards.

704. MOPED VEHICLE SAFETY. a. A review of Moped mishap data for the period of May 1975 through May 1979 has disclosed the following information.

- 1. Mechanical failure of Mopeds has not been a significant contributing factor.
 - 2. The most likely single mishap involves a Moped collision with another moving vehicle.
 - 3. The next most likely mishap events are overturns or driver/passenger falls.
 - 4. 17 Percent of reported mishaps resulted in fatal injury.
 - 5. 17 Percent of reported mishaps involved head injuries, of which 40 percent were fatal. Use of protective headgear is rare.
- b. Narrative descriptions of the mishap events reveal that Moped drivers commonly use the extreme right side of the road, usually due to their low speed. This produces two events.
- 1. Other vehicles are tempted to improperly pass the Moped without changing lanes and thereby brush the Moped off the road.
 - 2. Moped drivers frequently drive off the road onto the shoulder thereby causing overturns and passenger falls.

- c. Commanders are requested to advise their Moped drivers the following.
1. That Mopeds are licensed vehicles, have a right to the road, and should be operated like automobiles.
 2. That I.A.W. American Motorcycle Association Guidance, Mopeds should be driven just to the left of the center of the lane, thereby reducing the opportunity for brush-passing by other road users and the possibility of inadvertently driving off the road.
 3. That remaining highly alert to the surrounding traffic and using protective headgear is imperative.

PART 8 -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY

801. STATUS OF CULBERTSON ARMORY AND AASF ADDITION. Bids will be opened on 8 August for the construction of the Culbertson Armory and the addition to the Army Aviation Support Facility in Helena. If both projects are within the available funding, the proposed contracts will be recommended for State Board of Examiner approval at their August 20th meeting. They will then be forwarded to the National Guard Bureau, with anticipated construction starts in September.

802. CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMING. a. Funds were appropriated by the 46th Legislative Assembly for the "re-building" of roofs at the Kalispell, Billings, Whitefish, Miles City and Chinook Armories. The estimated cost is \$230,000. Selection of an Architect-Engineer for this project is currently in process.

b. Funds were appropriated for the contract painting of all Armories and, within available funding, Shop Facilities. The estimated cost for this project is \$180,000. The Construction and Facilities Manager will visit each site to program the funds on a priority basis in the early fall.

803. Captain Ken Cottrill has been transferred from the Facilities Office to the Administrative Centralized Services Office. He will continue to administrate the State Property, Housekeeping and Janitorial supplies, and Purchasing of State supplies and property from that office. All work requests (DMA AGO Form 43) for all facilities will continue to be submitted to the Construction and Facilities Manager.

804. ARMORY RENTAL FUND YEAR END. Armory Rental Funds will be cut off and the Annual Report submitted per AGO Reg 210-2 and Letter of Instruction to follow. Cut off for the report will be 1 Aug 1979 with report submitted NLT 30 August 1979. Annual Report to be submitted to OTAG-ADM.



PART 9 --- UNOFFICIAL
